

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 65 (MC2013-63)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-83

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued October 17, 2016)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire October 23, 2016.¹ On October 14, 2016, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief, seeking a 30-day extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect, or until such time as the successor contract has been approved by the Commission.²

The Postal Service states that it has been working cooperatively with the customer on a successor contract, but they have not yet finalized the agreement. The Postal Service expects to reach an agreement and file the successor contract with the

¹ See Docket Nos. MC2013-63 and CP2013-83, Order No. 1854, Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 65 to the Competitive Product List, October 23, 2013, at 5.

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, October 14, 2016, at 1 (Motion).

Commission within the next two weeks; however, it will not be filed more than 15 days prior to the October 23, 2016, expiration date of the existing contract. It therefore seeks a brief extension of the Existing Agreement. *Id.*

The Commission grants the Motion. The brief extension is in the public interest, as it will not impair the ability of the Existing Agreement to comply with 39 U.S.C. § 3633, will avoid disruption in contract administration, and will not prejudice any person. Consequently, the Existing Agreement will expire on November 22, 2016, unless terminated earlier pursuant to contractual terms.

It is ordered:

The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed October 14, 2016, is granted as discussed in the body of this Order.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary